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Security Council

12 noon . . . . . 5565th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

   Letter dated 6 November 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/868)

   Letter dated 7 November 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/869)

   Letter dated 8 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/871)

Monday, 13 November 2006

General Assembly
Sixty-first session

10 a.m. . . . . 52nd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations . . [108]

   (g) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe: draft resolution (A/61/L.14)

   (i) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization: draft resolution (A/61/L.8)

   (m) Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States: draft resolution (A/61/L.17)

   (r) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum (A/61/L.20)

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2. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: reports of the Secretary-General (A/61/79 and A/61/463) [69]: *joint debate*

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations

(i) Letter by the Secretary-General (A/61/550)

(ii) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/61/85, A/61/87 and A/61/314)

(d) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/80)

Main Committees

Third Committee

3–6 p.m. . . . . 45th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racial discrimination . . . . . [65 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/61/L.48 and A/C.3/61/L.49

2. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action . . . . . [65 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.53

3. Right of peoples to self-determination . . . . . [66]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.46 and A/C.3/61/L.50

4. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [67 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/61/L.19, A/C.3/61/L.21, A/C.3/61/L.22, A/C.3/61/L.23, A/C.3/61/L.24, A/C.3/61/L.26, A/C.3/61/L.27, A/C.3/61/L.28, A/C.3/61/L.29, A/C.3/61/L.33, A/C.3/61/L.34 and A/C.3/61/L.35*

5. Report of the Human Rights Council . . . . . [68]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.17

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 127 (Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/61/214 (Part 1), A/61/214 (Part 1)/Add.1, A/61/214 (Part 1)/Add.2, A/61/61 and A/61/61/Add.1)); and

Agenda items 47, 113, 116, 117, 122, 123, 124, 132 and 149 (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields; Follow-up to the Millennium Summit; Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007; Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations; Human resources management; Joint Inspection

Unit; Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations; and United Nations reform: measures and proposals: Investing in the United Nations: for a stronger Organization worldwide: detailed report: procurement reform (A/60/846/Add.5 and A/60/904); and Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on procurement practices within the United Nations system (A/59/721 and A/59/721/Add.1))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: Renovation to the Secretary-General's residence: revised estimates to the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 (A/61/377 and A/61/523));

Agenda items 116 and 117 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; and Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: Enhancing the role of the Subregional offices of the Economic Commission for Africa (A/61/471 and A/61/544)); and

Agenda item 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: Identification of additional resources for the Development Account (A/61/282 and A/61/479))

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Capital Master Plan

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

The open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will continue on *Monday, 13 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Ms. Cinthia Soto (Costa Rica), under agenda item 53 (e) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa)

From 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 51 (c) (External debt crisis and development)

From 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the back of Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Ms. Katarzyna Kukier (Poland), under agenda item 51 (b) (International financial system and development)

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Nicole Ruder (Switzerland), under agenda 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Mr. Uladzimir Gerus (Belarus), under agenda item 58 (Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system) — Commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Children's Fund

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Andre Siregar (Indonesia), under agenda item 55 (b) (International migration and development)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Mr. Tri Tharyat (Indonesia), under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction) — Natural disasters and vulnerability

From 4 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Monday, 13 November 2006

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, under agenda item 108 (q) (convened by the Chairman of the OIC Group (Azerbaijan)) (at the expert level)

10 a.m.–12.15 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the rights of the child, under agenda item 63 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Uruguay)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on programme planning, agenda item 118 (Third Committee) (convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Lamin Faati (Gambia))

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 61 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Costa Rica)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room DC2-1282

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Working group of the Commission on Human Rights to elaborate a draft declaration in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 49/214 of 23 December 1994, under agenda item 68 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the in-depth study on violence against women, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of France and the Netherlands)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

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Monday, 13 November 2006

Group of 77 (on the draft resolutions on: industrial development cooperation; United Nations Institute for Training and Research; International Year of Sanitation; international financial system; debt; and international trade and development; and report on all Second Committee draft resolutions)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council)

1.15–2 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights (on the draft resolution on the right to development)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on General Assembly Revitalization

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

UNITAR briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Joint UN-IPU Parliamentary Hearing on "Conflict prevention and peacebuilding: Reinforcing the key role of the United Nations"

Monday, 13 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please call Mr. Alessandro Motter, Inter-Parliamentary Union (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880); or visit <www.ipu.org>.]

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Monday, 13 November 2006

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . **Press briefing by the Spokesman**

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held as follows: Friday, 17 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8; Monday, 20 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and Tuesday and Wednesday, 21 to 22 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The 26th meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will be held on Friday, 17 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., to take action on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.9, A/C.4/61/L.10, A/C.4/61/L.11 and A/C.4/61/L.12, submitted under agenda item 31 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East); and on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.13, A/C.4/61/L.14, A/C.4/61/L.15, A/C.4/61/L.16, A/C.4/61/L.17 and A/C.4/61/L.18, submitted under agenda item 32 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories).

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Conrad Hunte (Antigua and Barbuda), under agenda item 53 (f) (Convention on Biological Diversity)

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Facilitator, Mr. José Antonio Doig (Peru), under agenda item 53 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind) – Recognition of the Caribbean Sea as A Special Area in the context of sustainable development

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Andres Landerretche (Chile), under agenda item 53 (g) (Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session)

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Facilitator, Mr. Javad Amin-Mansour (Islamic Republic of Iran), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development)

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Kazuo Sunaga (Japan), under agenda item 56 (b) (Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation)

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 51 (c) (External debt crisis and development)

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Mr. Tony Fautua (New Zealand), under agenda item 53 (b) (Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States)

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Mr. Tri Tharyat (Indonesia), under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction) – Natural disasters and vulnerability

Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Tuesday, 14 November 2006, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Sixth Committee

The Sixth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on agenda item 80 (The rule of law at the national and international levels) on Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

General Assembly

2006 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and 2006 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

The 2006 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 2006 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held on Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Pledging Conferences, in writing, to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Conference (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, under agenda item 65 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of South Africa)

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Cuba)

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the in-depth study on violence against women, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of France and the Netherlands)

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of India, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China)

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on malaria, under agenda item 48 (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group)

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin, under agenda item 43 (General Assembly) (convened by the delegation of Greece)

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, recovery and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN))

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Friends of the International Criminal Court (briefing on the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance)

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Group of 77 (on oceans and the law of the sea)

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution under agenda item 65 (b) (Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action))

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights (on the draft resolution on the right to development)

Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Meeting of the Women's International Forum on the topic "Intellectual property, how does it affect us?" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.]

Presentation of the report of the New York City Bar Association entitled "Thawing a frozen conflict: Legal aspects of the separatist crisis in Moldova" (document A/61/364) and interactive dialogue (convened by the delegation of Moldova and co-sponsored by the GUAM countries, the New York City Bar Association and St. John's University School of Law)

Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend.]

Special event on the theme "Breaking the cycle of poverty: Challenges and opportunities for the LDCs" (organized by UN-OHRLLS, under the auspices of the International Forum on the Eradication of Poverty)

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 3 to 4.20 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Carol Sakubita, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-5710; e-mail sakubita@un.org).]

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent *by Wednesday, 13 December 2006*, to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358, 963-5352 or 963-5377; room S-3450C, S-3420B or S-3420S).

Administrative Tribunal (23 October-22 November 2006)

The Administrative Tribunal will hold meetings (closed) *every day* until Wednesday, 22 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 2, DC2 Building.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 November 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Serbia; and the EFTA country Liechtenstein, as well as Ukraine and Moldova), Guyana (on behalf of the Rio Group), Indonesia (on behalf of ASEAN), Tunisia, India, Viet Nam and Bangladesh.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement.

28th meeting

The summary of the 28th meeting of the Second Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2006/219).

Third Committee

44th meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [67 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.44

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

Honduras also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

Report of the Human Rights Council . . . . . [68]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The President of the Human Rights Council addressed the Committee.

The Committee then resumed its general discussion and heard statements by the representatives of the Sudan, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Liechtenstein, Switzerland, China, the Russian Federation, Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Mexico, Guatemala, Belarus, Denmark, Japan, Indonesia, Canada, Cuba, Botswana, Algeria, the Syrian Arab Republic and Colombia, as well as by the observer for the Holy See.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion under agenda item 68.

Fifth Committee

20th meeting

United Nations pension system . . . . . [126]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, Mr. Vladimir Yossifov, introduced the report of the Board (A/61/9).

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/61/2).

The Chairman of the Advisory committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/61/545).

The Committee began its general discussion of this item and heard statements by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement), South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Guyana (on behalf of the Rio Group), the United States, Ecuador, the Russian Federation and Nigeria.

The Controller made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, Friday, 10 November, following the adjournment of the formal meeting in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Ms. Rosario Aguinaldo (Philippines).

Corrigenda

General Assembly
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Corrigendum to the summary of the 7th plenary meeting of the General Assembly (see *Journal* No. 2006/180, p. 16):

The following text:

> *Address by H.E. Mr. Lyonpo Sangay Ngedup, Head of Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan*
>
> The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Lyonpo Sangay Ngedup, Prime Minister and Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Kingdom of Bhutan.

should read:

> *Address by H.E. Mr. Lyonpo Khandu Wangchuk, Prime Minister and Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Kingdom of Bhutan*
>
> The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Lyonpo Khandu Wangchuk, Prime Minister and Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Kingdom of Bhutan.

Second Committee

Corrigendum to the summary of the 26th meeting of the Second Committee (see *Journal* No. 2006/216, p. 17): the second paragraph under "Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.10/Rev.1" *should read* as follows:

> The representative of Angola introduced the draft resolution and announced that Argentina, Botswana, China, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Germany, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, South Africa, Timor-Leste, Togo and Turkey had also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network. Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Signature: Armenia (10 November 2006)

Signature: Azerbaijan (10 November 2006)

Signature: Cambodia (10 November 2006)

Signature: China (10 November 2006)

Signature: Indonesia (10 November 2006)

Signature: Iran (Islamic Republic of) (10 November 2006)

Signature: Kazakhstan (10 November 2006)

Signature: Lao People's Democratic Republic (10 November 2006)

Signature: Mongolia (10 November 2006)

Signature: Nepal (10 November 2006)

Signature: Republic of Korea (10 November 2006)

Signature: Russian Federation (10 November 2006)

Signature: Sri Lanka (10 November 2006)

Signature: Tajikistan (10 November 2006)

Signature: Thailand (10 November 2006)

Signature: Turkey (10 November 2006)

Signature: Uzbekistan (10 November 2006)

Signature: Viet Nam (10 November 2006)

International Convention Against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Succession (with confirmation of the interpretative declaration confirmed by Serbia and Montenegro upon succession): Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Accession: Sierra Leone (10 November 2006)[1]

Treaty event

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It will be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, *today*, 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and thereafter, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

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H.E. Mr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Munir Akram

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
H.E. Mr. Ivan T. Piperkov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mrs. Carmen María Gallardo Hernández

Western European and other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit

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